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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. REFTEL IS THE LATEST OF SEVERAL TELEGRAMS FROM EMBASSY REFERRING TO "WASHINGTON POOL" OF NUMBERS FOR USE BY VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES. FOR POST'S INFORMATION, ALL PAROLE CASES ARE NOW DECIDED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS BY INS/CO. THESE INCLUDE REFUGEES WHO MET THE GENERAL CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR THE INDOCHINA REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM WHICH ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1975 (WHO ARE BEING COUNTED AGAINST THE "POOL" OF CONTINGENCY NUMBERS REMAINING) AS WELL AS PERSONS PAROLED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS (FOR WHOM NO SUCH NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED). ABOUT 50 NUMBERS NOW REMAIN FROM THE CONTINGENCY "POOL" OF FIVE HUNDRED (NOT FIVE THOUSAND) AND THESE ARE ASSIGNED IN PARTICULARLY URGENT CASES INCLUDING THOSE RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY, WHICH DO NOT MEET HUMANITARIAN PAROLE. "POOL" NUMBERS WILL LIKELY BE EXHAUSTED WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND, UNLESS CURRENT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL NUMBERS ARE SUCCESSFUL, ALL CASES WILL THEN BE CONSIDERED "HUMANITARIAN" AND WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST ANY NUMERICAL ALLOCATION.

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2. UNDER THE PROCEDURES NOW IN EFFECT, WHEN EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT A CASE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR PAROLE, IT WILL NOT NECESSARILY KNOW WHETHER A "POOL" NUMBER IS BEING USED OR WHETHER PAROLE IS CONSIDERED AS HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. IN LATTER CASE, VERY CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS ARE USUALLY, THOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY, INVOLVED WITH THE DEPENDENT RELATIVE IN THE THIRD COUNTRY OR THE GREAT BULK OF THE FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES. WE MUST STRESS AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT EACH CASE IS REVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY WITH ALL AVAILABLE FACTS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

3. HOPE THIS WILL CLARIFY EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING OF SIGNIFICANCE OF POOL NUMBERS. DETERMINATION IN THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE CASE CITED REFTTEL WILL BE REPORTED TO EMBASSY BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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